

PROCESS PATENTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine process patents, including S. 1145, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform, after receiving testimony from Wayne W. Herrington, Assistant General Counsel, United States International Trade Commission; John R. Thomas, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C.; Michael K. Kirk, American Intellectual Property Law Association, Arlington, Virginia; and Christopher A. Cotropia, University of Richmond School of Law, Richmond, Virginia.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE SURVEILLANCE ACT MODERNIZATION

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine modernizing the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (Public Law 95-511), after receiving testimony from Kenneth L. Wainstein, Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, Department of Justice; J. Michael McConnell, Director of National Intelligence; and Lieutenant General Keith B. Alexander, Director, National Security Agency.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 22 public bills, H.R. 2080–2101; and 18 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 135–139; and H. Res. 346–347, 351–361 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 348, providing for consideration of H.R. 1429, to reauthorize the Head Start Act, to improve program quality, and to expand access (H. Rept. 110–116);

H. Res. 349, providing for consideration of H.R. 1867, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2008, 2009, and 2010 for the National Science Foundation (H. Rept. 110–117); and

H. Res. 350, providing for consideration of H.R. 1868, to authorize appropriations for the National Institute of Standards and Technology for fiscal years 2008, 2009, and 2010 (H. Rept. 110–118).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Welch to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:44 a.m. and reconvened at noon.

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Election of committee to attend the funeral of the late Honorable Juanita Millender-McDonald: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House of Representatives to the committee to attend the funeral of the late Honorable Juanita Millender-McDonald: Representatives Stark, Pelosi, George Miller (CA), Waxman, Lewis (CA), Dreier, Hunter, Lantos, Berman,

Gallegly, Herger, Rohrabacher, Doolittle, Waters, Becerra, Calvert, Eshoo, Filner, McKeon, Roybal-Al-lard, Royce, Woolsey, Farr, Zoe Lofgren, Radanovich, Sherman, Loretta Sanchez, Tauscher, Capps, Bono, Lee, Gary G. Miller (CA), Napolitano, Thompson (CA), Baca, Harman, Davis (CA), Honda, Issa, Schiff, Solis, Watson, Cardoza, Nunes, Linda T. Sanchez, Daniel E. Lungren, Costa, Matsui, Campbell (CA), Bilbray, McCarthy (CA), McNerney, Conyers, Lewis (GA), Faleomavaega, McDermott, Norton, Jefferson, Bishop (GA), Corrine Brown (FL), Eddie Bernice Johnson (TX), Scott (VA), Watt, Thompson (MS), Jackson-Lee (TX), Cummings, Hinojosa, Kilpatrick, Kucinich, Meeks (NY), Berkeley, Gonzalez, Holt, Jones (OH), Davis (AL), Meek (FL), Scott (GA), Butterfield, Cleaver, Al Green (TX), Moore (WI), Clarke, Ellison, and Johnson (GA).

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measures:

Honoring the career and research accomplishments of Frances E. Allen, the 2006 recipient of the A.M. Turing Award: H. Con. Res. 95, amended, to honor the career and research accomplishments of Frances E. Allen, the 2006 recipient of the A.M. Turing Award;

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Recognizing the accomplishments of Roger D. Kornberg, Andrew Fire, Craig Mello, John C. Mather, and George F. Smoot for being awarded Nobel Prizes in the fields of chemistry, physiology or medicine, and physics: H. Res. 316, to recognize the accomplishments of Roger D. Kornberg, Andrew Fire, Craig Mello, John C. Mather, and George F.

Smoot for being awarded Nobel Prizes in the fields of chemistry, physiology or medicine, and physics;

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Recognizing the 45th anniversary of John Hershel Glenn, Jr.'s historic achievement in becoming the first United States astronaut to orbit the Earth: H. Res. 252, to recognize the 45th anniversary of John Hershel Glenn, Jr.'s historic achievement in becoming the first United States astronaut to orbit the Earth;

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Supporting the goals and ideals of National Community College Month: H. Res. 334, to support the goals and ideals of National Community College Month, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 420 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 270;

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Supporting the goals and ideas of a National Child Care Worthy Wage Day: H. Con. Res. 112, to support the goals and ideas of a National Child Care Worthy Wage Day, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 345 yeas to 73 nays, with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 271;

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Commending the University of Florida Gators for their historic win in the 2007 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men's Basketball Tournament: H. Res. 298, to commend the University of Florida Gators for their historic win in the 2007 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men's Basketball Tournament, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 415 yeas with none voting “nay”, and 4 voting “present”, Roll No. 272;

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Congratulating charter schools and their students, parents, teachers, and administrators across the United States for their ongoing contributions to education: H. Res. 344, to congratulate charter schools and their students, parents, teachers, and administrators across the United States for their ongoing contributions to education;

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Commemorating the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade: H. Res. 272, amended, to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade;

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Observing the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the British slave trade: H. Res. 158, amended, to observe the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the British slave trade and encouraging the people of the United States, particularly the youth of the United States, to remember the life and legacy of William Wilberforce, a member of the British House of Commons who devoted his life to the suppression and abolition of the institution of slavery,

and to work for the protection of human rights throughout the world;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Encouraging the people of the United States, particularly the youth of the United States, to observe the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the British slave trade and remember the life and legacy of William Wilberforce, a member of the British House of Commons who devoted his life to the suppression and abolition of the institution of slavery, and to work for the protection of human rights throughout the world.”.

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Expressing the sympathy of House of Representatives to the families of women and girls murdered in Guatemala and encouraging the Government of Guatemala to bring an end to these crimes: H. Res. 100, to express the sympathy of House of Representatives to the families of women and girls murdered in Guatemala and encouraging the Government of Guatemala to bring an end to these crimes;

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Recognizing the historical significance of the Mexican holiday of Cinco de Mayo: H. Res. 347, to recognize the historical significance of the Mexican holiday of Cinco de Mayo; and

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Congratulating the City of Chicago for being chosen to represent the United States in the international competition to host the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games, and encouraging the International Olympic Committee to select Chicago as the site of the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games: H. Con. Res. 118, to congratulate the City of Chicago for being chosen to represent the United States in the international competition to host the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games, and encouraging the International Olympic Committee to select Chicago as the site of the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

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Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Gallegly to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. Page H4232

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until Wednesday, May 2nd:

Calling on the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to immediately and unconditionally release Father Nguyen Van Ly, Nguyen Van Dai, Le Thi Cong Nhan, and other political prisoners and prisoners of conscience: H. Res. 243, amended, to call on the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to immediately and unconditionally release Father Nguyen Van Ly, Nguyen Van

Dai, Le Thi Cong Nhan, and other political prisoners and prisoners of conscience. **Pages H4246–53**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H4295–96.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4257–58, H4258–59 and H4259. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 10:37 p.m.

Committee Meetings

CROP INSURANCE INDUSTRY

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management held a hearing to review the crop insurance industry. Testimony was heard from. The following officials of the USDA: Keith Collins, Chief Economist; and Eldon Gould, Administrator, Risk Management Agency; and public witnesses.

RURAL BROADBAND PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Specialty Crops, Rural Development, and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing on review of rural broadband programs operated by the USDA's Rural Utilities Service. Testimony was heard from James Andrew, Rural Utilities Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Health Personnel Overview. Testimony was heard from David S. C. Chu, Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Preventive Medicine and Cancers Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Ellen Embry, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Force Health Protection and Readiness and Director, Deployment Health Support; BG Michael B. Cates, USA, Commander, U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventative Medicine; BG Theresa Casey, M.D., USAF, Assistant Surgeon General for Modernization; RADM David Smith, USN, Deputy Chief of Staff for Health Care Operations; and COL Janet Harris, Director, Congressionally Director Medical Research Program; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch continued appropriations hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FINANCING COLLEGE EDUCATION.

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning and Competitiveness held a hearing on Paying For a College Education: Barriers and Solutions for Students and Families." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

APPLIANCE EFFICIENCY STANDARDS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing entitled "Achieving—At Long Last—Appliance Efficiency Standards." Testimony was heard from Alexander A. Karsner, Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy; Arthur H. Rosenfeld, Commissioner, Energy Commission, State of California; and public witnesses.

HEART DISEASE EDUCATION, ANALYSIS RESEARCH, AND TREATMENT FOR WOMEN ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on H.R. 1014, Heart Disease Education, Analysis Research, and Treatment for Women Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

POSTPARTUM DEPRESSION RESEARCH

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on H.R. 20, Melanie Blocker-Stokes Postpartum Depression Research and Care Act. Testimony was heard from Catherine Roca, M.D. Chief, Women's Programs, National Institutes of Mental Health, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

U.S. CHINA RELATIONS FUTURE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on the Future of Political, Economic and Security Relations with China. Testimony was heard from John D. Negroponte, Deputy Secretary, Department of State.

FEDERAL PROTECTIVE SERVICE

Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled "The Direction and Viability of the Federal Protective Service." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: James L. Taylor, Deputy Inspector General; and Gary Schenkel, Director, Federal Protective Service; and public witnesses.

SUBPOENA ISSUANCE; BANKRUPTCY ABUSE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law approved a resolution authorizing the Chairman to issue a subpoena to James Comey for testimony and related documents at a hearing before the Committee regarding